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Professionalism - asset or obstacle?

The Future of the Built Environment Professions

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) is 200 years old this year and the RICS 150. The RIBA will hold its bicentenary in 2034. All three institutions are rooted in the nineteenth century but have been undergoing continuous change since the day they were founded in necessary response to social, political and economic realities. All three are undoubtedly survivors, along with the professions they represent, yet there are now ever more voices questioning their future as social upheaval, automation and the impact of unbridled capitalism take their toll.

The Edge has been exploring the future of the professional model in the construction industry for many years; through its involvement with the proposals for a *New Professionalism* published in *Building Research & Information* in 2013, the subsequent *Commission of Inquiry on the Future of Professionalism* in 2014 and the publication of the Commission Report *Collaboration for Change* in 2015. Now, with the publication of a major new book, *Professionalism for the Built Environment* by Edge member Simon Foxell, the subject is back on the agenda.

How should the professions act to shape and secure their future, maintain and raise their standards of performance and extend their influence? What must be done to meet emerging needs and circumstances? If the challenges are considerable, then so too are the opportunities.

The debate will mark the launch of *Professionalism for the Built Environment* and copies will be available for purchase. Further details are available at www.routledge.com/Professionalism-for-the-Built-Environment/Foxell/p/book/9781138900219.

Chair: Stephen Hodder, Deputy Chair, Construction Industry Council

Speakers: Simon Foxell, The Architects Practice and author of *Professionalism for the Built Environment* (2018)
 Ed McCann, Expedition Engineering and ICE Vice-President
 Louise Brooke-Smith, Partner Arcadis LLP and RICS Global President (2014-15)
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Venue: FCBStudios, 20 Tottenham Street, London W1T 4RG

Timing: Debate 6.00 (for 6.30) – 8.00 pm
 Drinks and networking - until 9.00 pm

This event is by invitation only. Please come and contribute to the discussion. To attend please register by each attendee's name on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/edge-debate-84-professionalism-asset-or-obstacle-tickets-49862583329>

